## ABSTRACT

A connecting device (5; 15; 31) for connecting an accessory device (7; 32) to a portable communications device (1) is equipped with means (11; 18; 37) for holding the accessory device in a position at a side of the portable communications device (1). When the accessory device is held in a position at a side of the portable communications device, the extension of the communications device in its longitudinal direction, and thus the risk of breakage, is avoided. It is no longer needed to store the accessory device separately. The connecting device may comprise an electrotextile having conductive fibres woven together with traditional non-conducting fibres. The electrotextile provides softness and at the same time the possibility of having electric connections in the material.